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COST ESTIMATE

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S. 232

Watershed Restoration and Enhancement Agreements Act of 2007

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on January 31, 2007*

S. 232 would make the authority of the Forest Service to use appropriated funds to execute certain cooperative agreements with nonfederal partners permanent. Those agreements are used to facilitate watershed restoration projects on public or private land. Under existing law, the authority to use appropriations for this purpose will expire after fiscal year 2011. CBO estimates that enacting S. 232, by itself, would have no impact on the federal budget. The bill would not authorize additional appropriations for watershed restoration projects and would not affect revenues or direct spending.

S. 232 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act. The bill would benefit state, local, or tribal governments that enter into cooperative agreements with the Forest Service to carry out activities for pollution abatement and watershed protection. Any costs they might incur would be incurred voluntarily.

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